

Council Member Mike Sullivan's Newsletter

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Residents of District E,

While I would like to take credit for all the great projects that are going on in my council district, I have to acknowledge the outstanding staff that I have working for me. Lead by Monica, she is joined by Karina, Autumn and Lauren. Together, they work on every single project, every constituent issue, all committee meeting preparations and the weekly city council meetings. Without their support and back up, we would be just another council office.

I take my responsibility as a Council Member seriously. It is not a part time job for me. I work for you six and seven days a week, usually 12 - 16 hours a day. Knowing how important city council meetings are, I am proud to tell you that I have not missed a single meeting since being elected. That's over 200 meetings that I have participated in where I was able to make sure your voice was heard at the council table. I tell you this not to brag, but to emphasize how very serious it is to represent you, that I am committed to doing it and have a solid track record of getting the work done.

Besides the many projects that you have read about in our previous newsletters, we are proud to report that virtually all projects are on, or ahead of, schedule. The Kingwood Library will be complete December 1st of this year; the Bracewell Library will also open in December of this year; engineering of Northpark Drive's widening will wrap up before the end of the year; our Mobile Response Teams (MRTs) are assigned to Kingwood High School every morning (except Thursday) to help improve the flow of traffic; and sidewalks are being designed so our children can get to and from school safely.

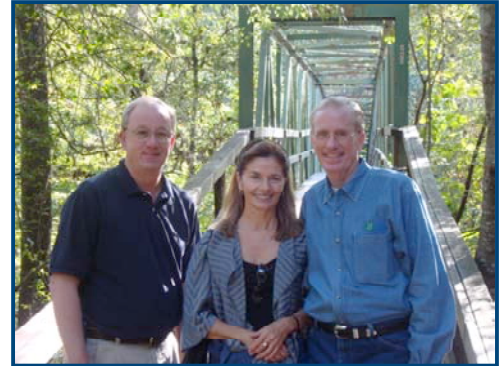
We are particularly proud of our ability to work with our other elected officials, work with City of Houston departments and our colleagues here on city council. This is a great city, and District E is a great council district. My staff and I thank you for the privilege of serving you.

Mike Sullivan
Council Member

Lake Houston Wilderness Park Tour

The City of Houston Park's Department gave Council Member Sullivan and his staff a tour of the 5,000 acre Lake Houston Wilderness Park last month to grasp a better understanding of the park's master plan. The park, located just north of Kingwood, is currently undergoing renovations. The first phase of the master plan should be complete by late spring 2010, and includes \$3.5 million worth of improvements including roads, shelters, bridges, cabins and guard houses.

Council Member Sullivan would like to thank Parks Director Joe Turner, Chip Perry, Roksan Okan-Vick and Paul Hendrix for leading the tour.



Council Member Sullivan, Roksan Okan-Vick and Joe Turner

Kingwood Fall Town Hall Meeting



HPD Chief Bennett, HPD Chief Barry, Lisa Turner and Council Member Sullivan

Council Member Sullivan hosted a fall town hall meeting for his constituents in Kingwood on October 13th. The Parks Department presented their plans to build a new community center, that will replace the existing library located at 4102 Rustic Woods. Public Works and Engineering also gave a presentation introducing their plans to improve mobility on major Kingwood thoroughfares by widening North Park and adding turn lanes where needed.

Before the town hall meeting, Council Member Sullivan and his staff ate with HFD Station 102. The District E office would like to thank the C-Shift for the dinner and for their extended hospitality.

Kingwood Library Construction Update

Construction on the new Kingwood Library is ahead of schedule. A picture is provided of last month's progress and is published every month for residents to know what progress has been made.

To the right is a picture of the library as of October 2, 2009.

The new library will be completed and turned over to Harris County on December 1, 2009.



Kingwood Community Center Plans Announced



Top: view from park; Bottom: view from parking lot

At Council Member Sullivan's fall town hall meeting, the General Services Department presented attendees with a first look at what the new Kingwood Community Center will look like. The new building will replace the old library, and is modeled similar to the Townwood Community Center. It has been designed to accommodate 250-300 people who will have access to two activity rooms, one large conference room and a full commercial kitchen.

The community center has also been designed to achieve LEED certification. All the existing trees will remain on the property, and with the installment of numerous windows, natural light will be the primary lighting source. This is the second GSD building to have been designed to national LEED standards.

Construction will begin once Harris County moves into the new library.

Water Contract with San Jacinto Water Authority

The City of Houston and the San Jacinto River Authority recently entered into a Water Supply Agreement. Under this agreement, the City of Houston will sell the San Jacinto River Authority untreated water and allow for the authority to reserve future water amounts.

Humble Chamber of Commerce Teacher of the Year Luncheon

Council Member Sullivan attended the Humble Chamber of Commerce's Annual Teacher of the Year Luncheon at the Humble Civic Center October 9th. The luncheon had a tremendous turn out to recognize and congratulate the Teachers of the Year from Lone Star College Kingwood, Northeast Christian Academy, and all campuses in Humble ISD and Spring ISD. Council Member Sullivan would like to applaud all those distinguished teachers that were recognized.



Council Member Sullivan, Penne Liefer and Keith Lapeze

Project Updates

- Dedicated right turn lanes have been approved for all directions at the intersection of Kingwood Drive and West Lake Houston Parkway.
- The new Kingwood Library will be complete in December.
- Designs are underway for a new community center, which will be located at the old library site.
- Widening of Northpark is under design. Construction is scheduled to begin in April 2010.
- Concrete road repairs are nearly complete on all major thoroughfares.
- An additional \$289,000 has been secured for the Kingwood HPD substation for overtime program.

South Belt Ellington Chamber of Commerce's Evening of Cuisine

The South Belt Ellington Chamber of Commerce hosted their annual Evening of Cuisine and antique car show on October 15th at The Gardens restaurant located on Beamer Rd. The yearly event, which hosted local food vendors, brings the community together sampling dishes, bidding on items in silent and live auctions and enjoying live entertainment. Council Member Sullivan attended the event to support the Chamber of Commerce as it lies in his district.

Child Immunization's at HFD Station 70

The Houston Fire Department teamed with the Blue Cross Blue Shield's Care Van last month to offer uninsured and medically underserved children, ages 0-18, free immunizations at HFD Station 70. As a past school board member, Council Member Sullivan knows how important it is to keep our kids healthy while in school. He attended this event to lend his support to all the fire fighters, nurses and children who worked with and visited the Care Van.

The Care Van has given 691,210 immunizations to 414,756 children through September 2009. *Caring for Children Foundation of Texas, Inc.*



Council Member Sullivan and the nurses with the Blue Cross Blue Shield Care Van

Metro Expands South Point Park and Ride Lot

The Metro Board of Directors just approved the expansion of the South Point Park and Ride lot located at 12410 Kurland. This spring 150 new parking spaces will be added with an additional 240 temporary spaces converted to permanent spots. The board also approved infrastructure improvements including upgrading drainage and lighting. The lot currently offers 376 permanent spots, and with the build out, a total of 766 parking spaces will be offered to patrons.

METRO is continuously looking for potential locations for an additional park and ride facility within the Gulf corridor. The board is expecting to have a location selected and purchased by FY 2010.

Flooding and Drainage Follow Up Town Hall Meeting

A follow up to Council Member Sullivan's July regional flooding and drainage town hall meeting is scheduled for November 17, 2009 at 6:30 pm at San Jacinto College-South Campus in the Marie Flickinger building. Council Member Sullivan invites the public to hear from the appropriate representatives from the Harris County Flood Control District, Public Works and Engineering and the U.S. CORPS of Engineers to discuss any follow-up information they have on particular requests that were made at the last flooding and drainage meeting in July. Attendees will also have the opportunity to hear about projects that have commenced since then or that are in progress.

For more information, please contact Karina Moreno at 832.393.3008.

Project Updates

- Edgebrook construction is complete and now open.
- Sagemont Community Center design work is underway.
- Outdoor lighting for Law Park has been approved and will be installed in early 2010.
- South Shaver extension paving is planned to start in summer 2010. TXDOT will manage the project for the City of Houston.
- The new 12,000 square foot and LEED Silver certified J.S. Bracewell Library is set to open December 5, 2009.
- Monroe Road improvements are under construction and are set to be completed by Dec. 31, 2009.
- METRO has added additional bus trips to the afternoon Fuqua Park and Ride service.

Deployment Ceremony at Ellington Field



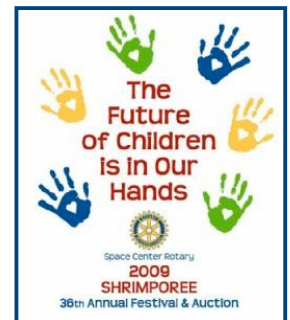
Council Member Sullivan presents a proclamation to two ranking military officers. Also pictured: Congressman Pete Olson

Council Member Sullivan was proud to attend and show his support at a deployment ceremony at Ellington Field on October 3rd. Families of the soldiers and proud community members gathered at Ellington Field to wish the soldiers well as they departed for their tour in Iraq. During the ceremony, Council Member Sullivan presented an official City of Houston Proclamation to the ranking military officer of the 1st Battle Command Training Brigade.

A BBQ dinner was provided for the families of the soldiers who attended the ceremony. Family members also had the opportunity to view a static display of a Blackhawk helicopter.

Space Center Rotary's "Shrimporee" Festival

Council Member Sullivan was a sponsor of the Space Center Rotary's 36th annual "Shrimporee" festival and auction held at the Landolt Pavilion in the Clear Lake Park. One hundred percent of the funds earned go towards benefiting local charities. This year's funds go towards Hurricane Ike local relief efforts, wheelchair rated trails for the Armand Bayou Nature Center and recreational equipment for the Shriners Children's Hospital. Attendees enjoyed boiled shrimp, live music, games and a silent and live auction.



Dinner at HFD Station 72

Before hosting his town hall meeting in Clear Lake last month, Council Member Sullivan and his staff ate dinner with the C-shift with the Houston Fire Department at station 72. While eating, the District E office learned more about the fire fighters responsibilities and what their day-to-day life is like at the station. On behalf of his staff, Council Member Sullivan would like to thank the C-shift for the meal and their welcoming.

Project Updates

- Railroad crossings along Highway 3 at Clear Lake City Blvd., Pineloch and El Dorado have been repaired.
- Concrete repairs have been completed on all major Clear Lake area thoroughfares.
- \$250,000 in overtime has been designated for use by HPD Clear Lake substation.
- Ellington Airport has almost \$50 million dollars in military construction projects now underway.
- Council Member Sullivan received the Clear Lake traffic operations study draft. The final report should be ready by December 1, 2009.

Minute Maid Deployment Ceremony



U.S. Army Colonel Campsey and Council Member Sullivan

A public deployment ceremony for the 72nd Army Infantry Battalion National Guard was held on October 4th at Minute Maid Park. Despite the rainy weather, Council Member Sullivan and thousands of Houstonians attended the event to help send off the 900 soldiers on their Operation Iraq Freedom mission and to support the 3,000 citizen military men and women that were at the ceremony. During the service, Mayor White proclaimed October 4th, 2009 as the official 72nd Infantry Brigade Combat Team Day.

This was the largest single deployment from our region since World War II.

Governor Perry Honors Injured Houston Police Officer

Governor Perry acknowledged and presented Officer Rick Salter the Star of Texas Award during a press conference October 21st attended by fellow narcotics officers, police commanders and the Salter family. He was given the award for his bravery when he was shot in the line of duty, paralyzing him in his leg and arm. Council Member Sullivan attended the press conference to show his unwavering support for Officer Salter and the rest of the Houston Police Department who risk their lives everyday.



Chief Hurtt, Council Member Sullivan and Governor Rick Perry

Single-Stream Recycling Pilot Program Expands

Solid Waste has expanded its single stream recycling program to reward residents for the amount of recyclable material they accumulate by allowing them to earn RecycleBank points. This expansion allows residents to accumulate points relating to the amount of recyclable material gathered from their home, which can be used on national brands and at local retailers. For more information please visit www.houstontx.gov/solidwaste.

Comcast Newsmakers Taping



Council Member Sullivan and Michael Bybee

Council Member Sullivan recently taped a five-minute news segment for Comcast's Newsmakers program that will air on CNN Headline News in the Houston Area. He discussed several issues of importance relating to the infrastructure of Houston. Such topics covered included flooding, rail lines and the challenges posed with a growing population.

Newsmakers airs five minutes before the hour on CNN. The program provides elected officials, community, non-profit and educational leaders the appropriate outlet to communicate to their key constituents. Check your local OnDemand listings to watch Council Member Sullivan's interview with Michael Bybee.

USO Event

On October 20th, 35 Wounded Warriors from the Brooke Army Medical Center in San Antonio visited and toured the Houston Texans headquarters. They then had the opportunity to attend a Texans football practice and enjoy a BBQ where they mingled with the team players. That evening, Landry's Restaurants, Inc. owner, Tilman Fertitta hosted the group for dinner at the Aquarium downtown.

Council Member Sullivan had the honor to be the invited guest and to spend time with the soldiers at the dinner.



Council Member Sullivan and a Wounded Warrior

Texans for Tier One Prop Four



Welcome Wilson, Sr. and Council Member

The Greater Houston Partnership along with the Texans for Tier One hosted a press conference to rally community and business support to pass Proposition 4 that would grant the University of Houston a Tier One status. This status would recognize U of H as a national research university. Council Member Sullivan joined Jeff Moseley, President and CEO of the Greater Houston Partnership, Bill Hobby, former Lieutenant Governor and Welcome Wilson, Sr. Chair of the Board of Regents for the University of Houston system in emphasizing the positive regional economic impact Houston would have if the proposition were passed by Texas voters.

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